

# House File 2403 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a study of the economic,  
2 fiscal, and social impact of the living wage in Iowa.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. LIVING WAGE IMPACT STUDY.  
1 2 1. If funding is approved or appropriated to the state  
1 3 board of regents for such purposes, Iowa state university  
1 4 shall conduct a study regarding the economic, fiscal, and  
1 5 social impacts of establishing the living wage, also known as  
1 6 the self-sufficiency wage, in Iowa. The living wage in the  
1 7 study shall be based on a forty-hour work week, and the study  
1 8 shall provide all of the following:  
1 9 a. A two-tiered living wage, one tier with benefits and  
1 10 one without benefits, for family sizes ranging from two people  
1 11 to six people for all ninety-nine counties.  
1 12 b. The impact that a living wage would have on full-time  
1 13 workers, the multiplier effect of a living wage on the  
1 14 economy, and whether more jobs would be created by this  
1 15 multiplier effect.  
1 16 c. How a living wage would impact public assistance  
1 17 programs, particularly whether it would reduce costs.  
1 18 d. How a living wage would impact state and local economic  
1 19 development programs.  
1 20 e. How a living wage would assist or hinder the housing  
1 21 market.  
1 22 f. Taking into account paragraphs "b", "c", "d", and "e",  
1 23 examine whether there would be an overall positive impact on  
1 24 the economy considering possible business concerns of  
1 25 inflation and job loss.  
1 26 g. Evaluate other states or metropolitan areas that have a  
1 27 living wage to provide examples of how a living wage could be  
1 28 implemented on a phased-in basis for all workers in this  
1 29 state, including the private and public sectors.  
1 30 h. Any other recommendations that the individuals assigned  
1 31 to the study believe are relevant to establishing a living  
1 32 wage in this state.  
1 33 2. An Iowa state university sociology professor, an Iowa  
1 34 state university human development and family studies  
1 35 professor, and an Iowa state university economics professor,  
2 1 all who specialize in this area, shall conduct and coordinate  
2 2 the study.  
2 3 3. The department of workforce development, the department  
2 4 of economic development, the department of human services, the  
2 5 university of Iowa, the university of northern Iowa, the child  
2 6 and family policy center, the Iowa policy project, and  
2 7 representatives of labor organizations and associations  
2 8 representing business and industry shall cooperate in  
2 9 conducting the study.  
2 10 4. Iowa state university shall submit a report about the  
2 11 findings of the study to the general assembly by December 14,  
2 12 2008.

### EXPLANATION

2 14 This bill directs Iowa state university, contingent upon  
2 15 funding, to conduct a study regarding the economic, fiscal,  
2 16 and social effects that a living wage, or self-sufficiency  
2 17 wage, would have in Iowa. The bill details the criteria that

2 18 the study must include. Three Iowa state university  
2 19 professors with specialized knowledge in this area shall  
2 20 conduct and coordinate the study.  
2 21 The bill requires that the department of workforce  
2 22 development, department of economic development, department of  
2 23 human resources, the university of Iowa, the university of  
2 24 northern Iowa, the child and family policy center, the Iowa  
2 25 policy project, and representatives of labor organizations and  
2 26 business and industry associations also participate in the  
2 27 study.  
2 28 A report on the study's findings is due to the legislature  
2 29 by December 14, 2008.  
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